



Final Comment

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Eskom - NOU
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APPLICATION FOR RECTIFICATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 24G OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) FOR THE UNLAWFUL COMMENCEMENT OF VARIOUS LISTED ACTIVITIES FOR THE UNDERGROUND COAL GASIFICATION (PHASE 1 – PILOT PLANT) PROJECT INCLUDING ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE IN SUPPORT OF CO-FIRING GAS AT MAJUBA POWER STATION, AMERSFOORT, MPUMALANGA

Thank you for your letter dated 11 November 2013 providing clarity regarding the timing of the illegal construction relative to the date of the submitted HIA. Your letter indicates that the contraventions took place between 2005 and 2010 whereas the submitted HIA was only completed in 2012.

It is noted that no assessment of heritage resources was completed prior to the development in question. As such, it is impossible to determine whether significant heritage resources were impacted by the illegal development. As such, no additional heritage studies are required.

Please note that heritage resources are finite and non-renewable. The loss of significant heritage resources resulting from illegal work has significant implications for scientific study as well as the national identity of South Africa.

As such, SAHRA is unable to condone illegal work.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/135181>

Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.
3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.

